since pilots have to execute a bond of five years service in Air India and 10 years service in Indian Airlines.

However, One hundered and eighty six (186) pilots resigned from Indian Airlines during the years 1991 to 2001 (upto 15th July, 2001). Of these, resignations of 12 Pilots in the year 2000, who did not give the requisite notice period, have not been accepted.

Indian Airlines has no information regarding the employment of these Pilots by other airlines.

Following major steps have been taken to prevent the Pilots from leaving Indian Airlines.

* The period required for serving notice of resignation has been increased from 1 month to 6 months.
* Issuance of Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) by DGCA on 25.2.1993 which made it necessary for an Air Taxi Operator (ATO) to employ only such Pilots as had 'No Objection Certificate' from Indian Airlines.
* Increasing the value of bond from Rs. 35,000 in 1998 to Rs. 10 lakhs with a minimum service of 10 years.
* Signing of Productivity Linked Agreement in January, 1996 linking pilots emoluments to hourly rate of flying and revised career growth pattern.

Security arrangement at Raja Sansi Airport

948. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Raja Sansi International Airport is still bereft of the promised beefing up of a security even after hijacking incidents of IC-814 to Kandhar in December, 1999; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the security arragement are likely to be made so at to avoid such type of incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) To beef up the security at Raja Sansi International Airport, Amritsar the following important security measures have been initiated:

(i) Frisking of passengers and checking of their hand baggage.

(ii) Deployment of CISF for Airport Security shortly;

(iii) Provision of latest HHMDs, DFMDs, Explosive detector, mirror for checking vehicles, coloured X-ray machines for registered baggage screening.

(iv) Thorough checking of incoming vehicles before they enter airport premises.

(v) Passengers and visitors during flight time are allowed to enter the terminal building after proper screening only through one gate.

International air services in States

949. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether International air services have been introduced at a number of airports in the States;

(b) the action plan chalked out therefor; and

(c) the air routes selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Operation of International flights from different airports is reviewed from time to time depending upon traffic demand and availability of custom and immigration facilities as part of ongoing process. Seven more airports have been declared as internaional airport which will enable foreign airlines to come directly to them. However, permission to them is granted only on the basis of bilateral air service discussions which are held from time to time. Actual operations are left to their commercial judgement. Besides Air India and Indian Airlines have also introduced some new flights and have plans to introduce more international services from Mumbai, Cochin, Calicut and Hyderabad after acquiring additional aircraft on dry lease.